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Group 1756

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Applicant: Masahito TANAKA et al. Conf.: 2395  
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated March 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR			PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
<b>TOTAL</b>	19	-	20	=	0	\$ 18	\$0.00
<b>INDEPENDENT</b>	3	-	3	=	0	\$ 84	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$280	\$0.00
						<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

- Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- No fee is required.
- Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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